

In the Specification:

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1 after the title of the invention:

Related Applications

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application serial number 09/146,072, filed September 2, 1998, now pending, which is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 08/633,821, filed August 2, 1996, now abandoned, which claims priority to which claims priority to PCT/FR94/00483, filed April 27, 1994 (French Patent Application No. 93/12659, filed October 22, 1993), each of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

On page 23, line 20, please add the following paragraph:

Deposits: Nucleotide plasmid vectors pCMV/HBS, pRSV/HBS, and pCMV/HB-S1.S2.S, pHBV-S1.S2.S, and pCMVHB-S2.S were deposited on October 21, 1993 with the Collection Nationale des Cultures des Micro-organismes de l'Institut Pasteur (CNCM) under accession numbers I-1370, I-1371, I-1411, I-1409, and I-1410, respectively. Applicants' assignee, the University of Ottawa, represents that the CNCM is a depository affording permanence of the deposit and ready accessibility thereto by the public if a patent is granted. All restrictions on the availability to the public of the material so deposited will be irrevocably removed upon the granting of a patent. The material will be available during the pendency of the patent application to one determined by the Commissioner to be entitled thereto under 37 C.F.R. §1.14 and 35 U.S.C. §122. The deposited material will be maintained with all the care necessary to keep it viable and uncontaminated for a period of at least five years after the most recent request for the furnishing of a sample of the deposited vector, and in any case, for a period of at least thirty (30) years after the date of deposit or for the enforceable life of the patent, whichever period is longer. Applicants acknowledge their duty to replace the deposit should the depository be unable to furnish a sample when requested due to the condition of the deposit.